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Memorandum

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RE: Transportation 2035

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Recap of July Planning Committee and Commission Action

Staff presented the proposed Investment Plan to the Planning Committee on July 11, 2008, and the Planning Committee approved and referred the recommended Investment Plan to the Commission for final action on July 23, 2008.

During the first six months of 2008, MTC held six Joint Advisors Workshops in order to obtain input from members of the three advisory committees. Recommendations from the advisors include: 1) interest in revisiting committed projects, and 2) increase investment levels for transit maintenance, lifeline, pedestrian and climate programs. For Lifeline, advisors recommended expanding the program to include project categories for both seniors and persons with disabilities and to focus on filling gaps in service. Advisors also recommended reducing the investment level for the Freeway Performance Initiative.

Below is a synopsis of the key issues deliberated at the Commission meeting and their outcomes:

1. **Committed Projects** – Staff requested Commission direction on re-opening the committed projects policy.

Outcome: The Commission considered TALC's Hit List of committed projects and new projects vying for the \$32 billion in

discretionary funds, but did not re-open committed projects because these projects were in the advanced phase of project development or construction. The Commission did request that staff bring back the projects' performance results at the next Planning Committee meeting.

2. **Bikes** – Staff proposed full funding of the Regional Bike Plan Network. The Commission considered whether they wanted a program that would fund bikes only, focusing on building out the regional bicycle plan network, or a program that would be more flexible (e.g., include pedestrian projects.)

Outcome: The Commission decided to commit \$1 billion in funding toward a Regional Bicycle Program that builds out the regional bicycle plan network. The Commission recognized that pedestrian needs would be addressed through Safe Routes to Schools, Safe Routes to Transit and the Transportation for Livable Communities programs.

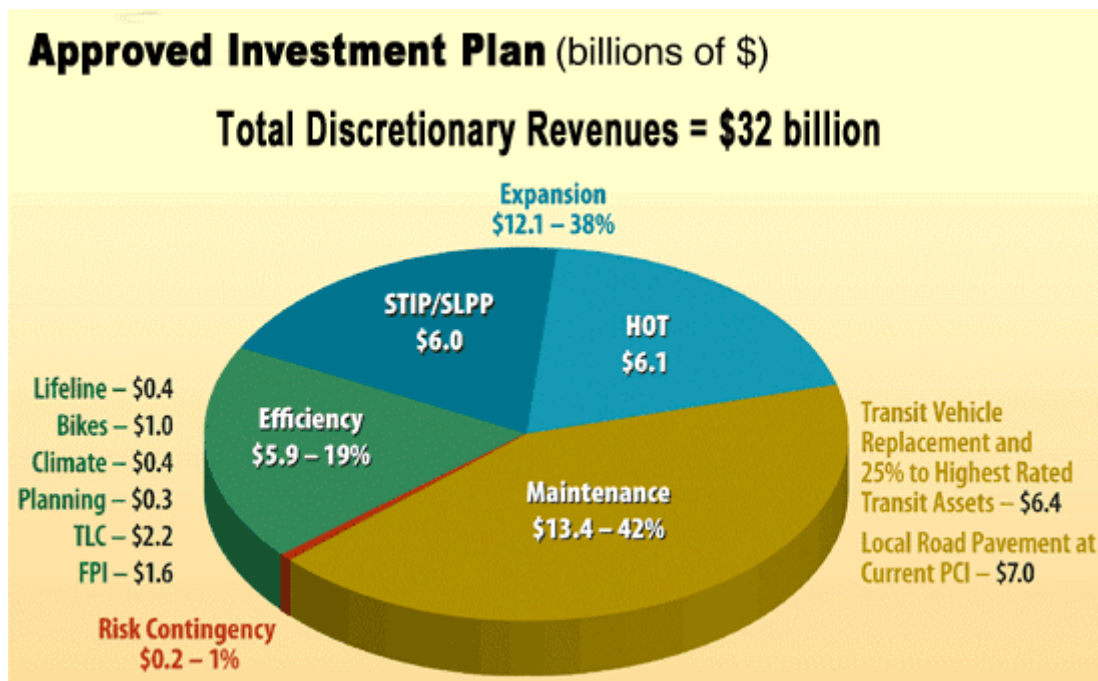
3. **Project Performance** – Staff identified projects that had high benefit/cost ratio that were excluded from the CMA priority lists, as well as a few low performing projects not on their lists. The Planning Committee requested that the CMAs present reasons why those certain projects were excluded/included to the Commission on July 23.

Outcome: The CMAs provided the Commission with information for the projects in question. The Commission accepted the CMA's explanation and had no further issues.

4. **High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) Network Principles** – Staff, in collaboration with Caltrans, CMAs, and other partners, prepared a set of guiding principles to implement a Regional HOT Network. Staff sought the Commission's concurrence on those principles.

Outcome: The Commission approved the HOT Network Principles.

Drawing from input from transportation agencies, stakeholders and the public, along with initial direction from the Commission, the Commission approved the Planning Committee's recommendation for how to spend this \$32 billion in uncommitted discretionary revenues, as shown in this pie chart (accessible version of chart is available in Attachment A):



Next Steps

Staff plans to implement the third and final phase of public outreach for the Transportation 2035 over the next several months, leading up to the adoption of the plan in March 2009.

The key outreach opportunity for the advisors this fall will be another Joint Advisor Workshop (tentatively scheduled for October 9, 2008 at 10 a.m.) Discussion would focus on strategies for meeting ambitious targets for climate protection, equity, air quality and congestion relief, as well as

an advocacy platform for securing needed funding for associated programs.

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